IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

KOMMA et al.

Examiner:

LAVARIAS

Serial No.:

10/716,990

Group Art Unit:

2872

Filed:

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Title:

OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL LENS, OPTICAL HEAD APPARATUS, OPTICAL INFORMATION APPARATUS, COMPUTER, OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM PLAYER, CAR NAVIGATION SYSTEM, OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM RECORDER, AND OPTICAL

INFORMATION MEDIUM SERVER

PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE

Mail Stop PETITION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 MAR 1 4 2007

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Dear Commissioner:

It is requested that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for the following purpose: References were cited in a US Office Action in a co-pending case. Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination to permit consideration of the references prior to issuance of the above-identified application.

The Issue Fee was paid on February 6, 2007. It is requested that this application be withdrawn from issuance under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c) and returned to the jurisdiction of Examining Group 2872. Please charge the amount of \$130, to cover the required Petition Fee, to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

The Examiner is authorized to take prompt appropriate action on this case including notifying applicants of the new status of this application immediately upon return of the application to the Group.

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Dated: March 13, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner:

The following papers are transmitted herewith:

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Transmittal Sheet in duplicate;

Petition to Withdraw from Issue:

Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114;

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 4 references, 2 Japanese Office

Actions

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Please charge deposit account 50-3478 in the amount of \$130 for the Petition to Withdraw from Issue and \$790 for the Request for Continued Examination. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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